

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 718

BY SENATOR MORRISH

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides for special permit for bagged rice. (8/15/10) (2/3-CA7s2.1(A))

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:387.19, relative to special permits; to authorize issuance of special permits for one-way hauls of bagged rice for export within a sixty-mile radius of the Port of Lake Charles; to authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387.19 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§387.19. Special permit; bagged rice for export; rules and regulations; Port of Lake Charles

A. Provided there are no written objections raised by the Federal Highway Administration, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development may issue special annual permits for one-way hauls of bagged rice for export within a sixty-mile radius of the Port of Lake Charles. These special permits shall be issued in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) The permit shall be issued at the truck permit office of the Department of Transportation and Development.

1 **(2) The fee for the permit shall be five hundred dollars annually.**

2 **(3) The permit may authorize the operation of a vehicle or combination**
 3 **of vehicles with a total gross vehicle weight not to exceed ninety-five thousand**
 4 **pounds. No tandem axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires shall**
 5 **exceed thirty-four thousand pounds on the interstate system or thirty-seven**
 6 **thousand pounds off the interstate system. No tridum axle set equipped with**
 7 **low pressure pneumatic tires shall exceed forty-two thousand pounds on the**
 8 **interstate system or forty-five thousand pounds off the interstate system.**

9 **(4) The secretary may impose a civil penalty of up to five cents per pound**
 10 **for each violation of the weight limit established by this Section.**

11 **B. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance**
 12 **with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to enforce the**
 13 **provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

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Present law establishes maximum vehicle weight limits and provides that the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed 80,000 lbs. and the weight on any single tandem axle may not exceed 34,000 lbs.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to issue special annual permits for one-way hauls to trucks transporting bagged rice for export within a 60-mile radius of the Port of Lake Charles provided no written objections are raised by the Federal Highway Administration. The permit authorizes the operation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total gross vehicle weight not to exceed 95,000. No tandem axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires shall exceed 34,000 lbs. on the interstate system and 37,000 lbs. off the interstate system and no tridum axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires shall not exceed 42,000 lbs. on the interstate system and 45,000 lbs. off the interstate system. These special permits shall be issued in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) The permit shall be issued at DOTD's truck permit office.
- (2) The fee for the permit is \$500.
- (3) The secretary may impose a civil penalty of up to 5¢ per pound for each violation of the weight limit established by proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes the DOTD to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to enforce the provisions of this Section.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.19)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation,
Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Changes maximum weight limit for a tandem axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires to not to exceed 34,000 lbs. on the interstate system and 37,000 lbs. off the interstate system.
2. Changes maximum weight limit for any tridum axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires to not to exceed 42,000 lbs. on the interstate system and 45,000 lbs. off the interstate system.